- The Committee also recommended appointment of senior police officers in States to work in co-ordination with the entertainment industry, as nodal officers.

- During the Budget of 2003-04, audio CDs were exempted from excise duty to do away with the price advantage available to pirated CDs.

- The Public Service Broadcasting Trust has been entrusted with the task of making a film on piracy.

- The Cable Television Networks Regulation Act has been amended in 2000, to prohibit a Cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme or channel for which the Copyright holder has not granted him a license.

- This Ministry has requested Chief Secretaries of all States to advise District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police to include anti-piracy measures in their monthly activity reports.

- This Ministry is consulting FICCI to draft an optical disc law.

Telecast of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha DD-Channels

3337. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable operators in R.K. Puram New Delhi are not showing DD-Lok Sabha and DD-Rajya Sabha free-to-air channels despite subscribers demand;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the cable operators; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that all cable operators in Delhi should telecast these channels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.